

# CCPS E-Newsletter

## March 2018



Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



With all the safety and funding issues we are dealing with at state and national levels, I want to take this opportunity to say I am grateful to all of you who are voicing your concerns for Public School Funding.

Thank you to every teacher, every parent, every administrator, every support staff member, every volunteer who mentors our students, and all those who advocate for the resources that students need

to be safe and healthy.

You are a critical part of the work we do to continue to serve the needs of our district's diverse learners.

This month's E-Newsletter is one way to share that there is a lot to be proud of in Christian County Public Schools.

-Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Free Sports Physicals

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Hopkinsville Community College  
Technical Center

Please see the list below for your school's assigned time:

8:15 AM - CCMS & CCHS

9:45 AM - HMS & HHS

Doors Close at 10:30 AM.

No athletes will be accepted after that time.

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# SCHOOL SAFETY

JOIN US FOR PUBLIC FORUMS ON SAFETY PRACTICES ON CAMPUS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

A PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY THE KENTUCKY CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, ALONG WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CCPS OFFICIALS.

## -3 PUBLIC FORUMS OFFERED-

MONDAY, MARCH 12	CROFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM	5:30-7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14	CHRISTIAN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL, PAC	5:00-6:30 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 16	PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM	5:30-7:00 PM



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Student of the Month  
February 2018**

Madison Winkler represents the best of Christian County Middle School. She is a well-rounded student who successfully balances her academic and extracurricular responsibilities. As a straight-A student, Madison challenges herself by taking Geometry at the high school, in addition to her regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade math class. As a seventh grader, she scored a 21 on the ACT.

Madison also excels in her extracurricular pursuits. As a member of the Christian County Middle School band, she plays the bassoon. She has been named All-District First Chair, attended Quad State, and has participated in the Community Band. Her talents also extend to the softball field as a member of the Christian County Lady Colonels varsity softball team. When school ball ends, Madison continues playing with a softball travel team. She has recently had invitations for two unofficial softball visits to O' Miss and Purdue University. In addition to band and softball, she is the vice-president of the CCMS chapter of the Jr. Beta Club and was recently selected as a Mayor's Scholars finalist from Christian County Middle School.



Christian County Public School Board Members, as well as Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill, recently attended the KSBA Annual Conference in Louisville on March 2–3. They are pictured standing in front of the poster designed by Christian County High School. This years conference theme was “Kentucky School Boards: Adapting and Achieving.”

## Employee Engagement Survey

Christian County Public Schools is working each day to provide a great place for students to learn, teachers to teach, employees to work, and parents to send their children for an excellent education. Christian County Public Schools is continuing to gather data that will allow us to continuously improve our employees’ engagement. It is important that we get your input on how well we provide a work environment that allows you to perform at the highest levels.

Please take a few minutes to complete the *Employee Engagement Survey* at this link: [CCPS Employee Engagement Survey](#)

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The survey is open from March 5<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>. The data from this survey will be reviewed by all stakeholders and used to create action plans at school, department, and district levels. These action plans will focus on an area for improvement that will continue to move Christian County Public Schools to higher levels of excellence. Your input in this process is valuable, please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Thank you for your commitment to our improvement efforts.

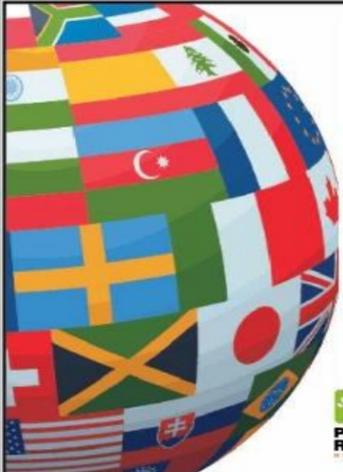


## Director of Communications Named for Christian County Public Schools



Christian County Public Schools Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. John Rittenhouse to be the District’s new Communications Director. Ms. Gemmill said it was important for the school district to find someone not only experience in media relations, but an active member of the community as well.

According to Ms. Gemmill, “John brings a vast amount of experience to this role and his love and respect for our school system was evident in his interview”. Mr. Rittenhouse is a graduate of Hopkinsville High School and Austin Peay State University. Mr. Rittenhouse is currently a planner in the stormwater department at Community Development Services. Mr. Rittenhouse stated “I grew up in Hopkinsville and graduated from Hopkinsville High School. As such, Christian County Public Schools has always held a special place in my heart - not only for that reason, but also because they are preparing the next generation of future leaders. I take great pride in the opportunity to keep our community informed of CCPS news and events. Heather Lancaster did a tremendous job over the last several years and I intend to follow in her footsteps.” He will begin his role on March 19, 2018.



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## *CCPS All District Staff Choir*



The CCPS All District Staff Choir recently performed at the United in Praise Concert at the Alhambra Theater on February 24, 2018. The group sang "Hallelujah" and "This is Me" which is a song in the new movie "The Greatest Showman." All proceeds raised benefited Aaron McNeil House, Alpha Alternative and Sanctuary Inc.



## **Project Graduation 2018**

### **2018 Planning Dates**

Parents of local seniors are encouraged to attend and participate in Project Graduation planning.

Each meeting will be held inside the Christian County High School Library at 6:00 p.m.

March 6

March 27

April 10

May 1

May 8

Project Graduation Coordinator  
Mindy Hargrove (270) 881-8845



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